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Brother Warren, please send us the cut of the attendants at the meeting of the last National Council. We would like to use it in the next number.

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How It Was Started

It would no doubt be of interest to the many brothers who are not in close touch with their Chapters to know how the National Magazine was started. The following tells the story:

"WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM.

Rec'd at Effingham, Kas., Aug. 18, 1915.
To

National Council of Phi Delta Kappa

Care J. Harold Williams,
National Education Association,
Oakland, California.

Will publish National News Letter assuming all responsibility four numbers yearly if National Council will make it official National Magazine for one year from date period. Will issue first number about November first period. Carter of Lawrence wrote you general delivery Oakland endorsing my plan period. Wire reply my expense.

A. J. McALLISTER."

On August 21 we received the following Western Union Night Letter from Brother Williams:

"Palo Alto, Cal., Aug. 21, 1915.
To A. J. McAllister,
Effingham, Kans.

National Council yesterday adopted your proposition for News Letter subject to Agreement between you and Executive Committee as to details.

J. Harold Williams."

After some correspondence between the National Officers and ourselves we mutually reached an agreement which may be summarized as follows:

1. I am to assume all financial responsibility for publishing and printing the National Magazine.

2. News will be solicited from each Chapter through its Corresponding Secretary. Any matter sent in by such means will be published without alteration excepting that—(1) I may have right to condense when crowded for space, and (2) In case of doubt as to the propriety of an article sent in from a Chapter, I may refer it to the Editor-in-Chief to edit before publishing.

3. The President is to be the Editor-in-Chief and the other National Officers are to be the Associate Editors. I am to be the Managing Editor.

4. Time of Issue,—November, February, April, June.

5. Size of Magazine—24 pages (28 or 32 if necessary to carry material) same size as sample issue of February, 1914.

6. Cuts—Where cuts have to be made the actual cost will be borne by the organization for whom it is made.

7. Subscription price—\$1.50 for single subscriptions; \$1.25 in clubs of ten or more. If subscription reaches 750, the above prices will be lowered 25 cents; if it reaches 1,000 the price will be lowered 50 cents. I am to send free sample copy of first issue to each and every member whose name is sent me before going to press.

8. Name—Call it "National News Letter of Phi Delta Kappa" to begin with, and ask the Chapters to suggest an appropriate permanent name.

Very little correspondence was necessary to work out the details, as it seemed that we were all practically of the same mind on every point of importance.

As Managing Editor, we are at all

times open to criticism and suggestions from the National Officers and from any of the Chapters. We wish the Magazine to be what you wish it to be. We need

an expression from each of you after your receipt of this first number, in order that we may know how to improve on the succeeding numbers.

San Francisco Alumni

On September 27th, 1912, seven men from the Stanford Chapter (Alumni and Professors) met at the St. Germain Restaurant in San Francisco and inaugurated a movement which has later resulted in the establishment of three Alumni Chapters in the United States. On November 1, 1912, the first constitution was adopted and the "San Francisco Alumni Association of Phi Delta Kappa" was definitely organized. It was not until April 13th, 1914, that the Chapter was officially recognized by the National Council. Since then, the Chapter has been represented in the meetings of the National Council but the representative has not been allowed to vote.

Ever since it started, the Chapter has enrolled as members the faculty, alumni, and graduate students of Stanford University and the University of California. The varied nature of the membership has made some rather difficult problems for the officers responsible for directing the policies of the Chapter. For two years, good fellowship was about all that was emphasized, and so attendance at the meetings might be seven or seventy according to the program. Nevertheless, the officers persevered, and regular monthly meetings were held regardless of this fact.

When the Chapter became officially recognized, however, as an integral part of the fraternity, certain of the more interested men began to consider carefully just what ought to be the function of an Alumni Chapter, and just what sort of an example the first one ought to set for those that might follow. It was agreed that good fellowship should continue to be an important factor in the life of the Chapter, but that it ought not to be the only one. Those who thought about the matter philosophically reasoned that if

the fraternity were ever to mean anything as a professional organization its success would depend (1) upon the kind of men taken in by the local Chapters, and (2) upon the work of the men after leaving their respective institutions. It was felt, therefore, that the best way to see Phi Delta Kappa's ideals realized was to cement together a strong organization that should work together *as an organization*.

For several months the Chapter experimented with amendments and revisions to its constitution, and finally it arrived at a constitution which has proven entirely satisfactory to all concerned. This constitution provides for two classes of membership (besides honorary members). Active members are those who are helping to promote the work of the organization by attendance, by work, or merely by paying the larger membership fee. Associate members are those who are in sympathy with the work of the Chapter and who are willing to help as they can. They pay a fee barely large enough to reimburse the Chapter for money spent for publications which are sent to them.

The Chapter has three Standing Committees. The Executive Committee directs the policies of the Chapter and makes out the programs for meetings. The Membership Committee conducts a semi-annual membership campaign amongst the P. D. K. men in the field. A Fraternal Relations Committee keeps the Alumni and Local Chapters in constant touch with one another.

There are at present two special committees. A Committee on Educational Legislation keeps constantly in mind the needs of the state in this regard, drafts needed laws, and helps to bring them to the attention of the proper persons. A